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VIEW OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, C 1840.

Robert Havell, the son of Robert and Lydia (Phillips) Havell, was born at Reading, England, November 25, 1793. Both father and son were famous engravers and are perhaps best known for the plates for Audubon's *Birds of America.* In 1839, the vast work for that series completed, Havell came to America and settled at Sing Sing, now Ossining, New York. Although he continued engraving, most of his time was spent in painting and shortly before his death, in 1878, he held an exhibition of some 75 oil canvases.

The field in which we are interested is his views of several American cities, particularly Hartford. In 1840 he published "North River View" which is described by I. N. Phelps-Stokes in his *Iconography of Manhattan Island.* Perhaps Robert Havell had in mind a series such as August Koellner's *Views of American Cities* issued from 1846-1851, because in 1841 he engraved and published a "View of the City of Hartford. Connecticut." which is quite rare and appeared in several states. At this time we have a record of four different issues.

1. VIEW OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD. CONNECTICUT. Painted & Engraved by Rob[t] Havell. Printed by W[m] Neale. Coloured by Havell & Spearing. Published by W. A. Coleman 205 Broadway for Rob[t] Havell Sing Sing N. York Entered according to Act of Congress in the year 1841 by Rob[t] Havell in the District Clerk's office of the United States for the Southern District of New York.

   18¾ x 12½ inches. aquatint. CHS

2. VIEW OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD. CONNECTICUT. About 1841. Painted & Engraved by Rob[t] Havell. Coloured by Havell & Spearing. Printed by W[m] Neale. Published by Rob[t] Havell, 172 Fulton St. N. York.

   18 8/16 x 12 7/16 inches. aquatint. *American Historical Prints* by Daniel C. Haskell. New York Public Library, 1933. # 70a illustrated page 72.

3. In *The Print Collector's Quarterly* October 1916 page 257: Illustrated

   Robert Havell, Junior. View of the City of Hartford. Size of the original engraving 15⅜ x 20½ inches.

4. In private hands there is a copy, seen by the editor, with dimensions 16¾ x 24⅛ inches. This has been cropped so there is no margin, consequently the imprint, if ever present, is missing.

This Society also has a copy of this view done by Harriet Stark Russell, as an art project in a girl's school in what is now known as Somersworth, New Hampshire. It is in India ink and as near as can be ascertained, was completed during the 1846/47 school term.

The following description of issue number 2 is from *American Historical Prints,* page 89:

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Aquatint printed in sepia, sky printed in blue, as basis for coloring. Size: "18.8 x 12.10. Date depicted: P. 1840. Date issued: 1841. State: First."

"One of a very few recorded impressions. In the second state the copyright line 'Entered . . . 1841 by Rob[t] Havell . . .' has been added. Impressions occur with the address 'Sing Sing' substituted in Mss. for '172 Fulton,' the 'St.' remaining. Kennedy & Co., New York print sellers, recently offered a magnificent impression of this view, printed entirely in colors, one of the finest American colored aquatints known."

"The large building with cupola, in the right center, is the State Capitol, erected in 1792-96; after the new Capitol was opened in 1879 it became the City Hall and was so used until the erection of the Municipal Building in 1915, since which time it has been used for various purposes. To the left of it is the steeple of the First (or Center) Church of

Christ (Congregational), dedicated in 1807; at the extreme left is the steeple of the Second (or South) Church of Christ (Congregational), erected in 1825-27. The three square towers with pinnacles, at the right, are (from left to right) the First Baptist Church, erected in 1830-31, sold in 1854, and later known as Touro Hall; Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, erected in 1827-29; and the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity, which was erected with a spire, as Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, in 1792-1801; later it was sold to the Roman Catholics, the steeple taken down, and the church moved to this location; it was consecrated as Trinity Roman Catholic Church in 1830 and destroyed by fire in 1853."

News of the Society

In order that we may commence the new year with number one of a volume, this issue of the *BULLETIN* is dated, October. The January issue will appear shortly and by April, we will be on regular schedule, a number appearing each quarter of the year. The title page and index to volume 10 will be mailed with the January copy.

At the April, 1944 meeting a paper was given by Miss Frances A. McCook, of Hartford, entitled "Main Street Then and Now". The speaker presented a delightful picture of life in the south end of Hartford before the turn of the century and related many anecdotes concerning parades, fires, runaways and social affairs.

A paper entitled "Captain Edmund Fanning of Stonington and the South Seas" was read at the May, 1944 meeting by Williams Haynes, of Stonington. The paper dwelt, for the most part, with Captain Fanning's famous voyage around the world, the first with an American built ship and an all-American crew, and his discovery of a group of islands in the South Pacific, one of which bears his name. A vivid account was given of life at sea, with its strict discipline, poor food and danger from storms. A copy of this paper was deposited in the Society's archives.

The usual Annual Meeting was held on May 16, 1944. The incumbent officers were re-elected to serve for another year. The address of the President and reports of the Acting Librarian and Treasurer were read and accepted.

Three oil paintings were received from the estate of Miss Mary Francis, long Registrar of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, D. A. R., and a member of this Society for more than twenty years. Two of the portraits are of her grandparents, George and Martha (Wadsworth) Francis, of Hartford, and are undoubtedly the work of Jared Bradley Flagg. The other portrait is of a Colonel Wadsworth, whose identity has not been established. Included with this gift is a small round table, the top of which is veneered with Charter Oak in an intricate design. A large mass of unsorted genealogical notes, the result of many years of genealogical research, was also received from the estate. These manuscripts have not yet been sorted and hence are unavailable for use at this time.

Charles Rufus Harte, of New Haven, read a paper at the October, 1944 meeting on "Connecticut's Mineral Wealth". The speaker gave a brief history of mining in Connecticut, giving particular attention to the iron and copper mines, but mentioning also deposits of gold, nickel, lead, tungsten and cobalt.

At the next meeting Arthur Adams, Ph.D., Professor of English, Librarian and Registrar of Trinity College, gave a talk on the founding of the College. Dr. Adams sketched the early history of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and the parts played by Bishop Seabury and Bishop Brownell in furthering education in the State.

Featured at the January, 1945 meeting was a paper read by Roland Mackendrick, of East Hartford, entitled "The First American Medical Journal". The reader discussed the meaning of the term journal or periodical and advanced the claim of *Cases and Observations; by the Medical Society of New Haven County, in the State of Connecticut, instituted in the year 1784. New Haven: Printed by J. Meigs, 1788* to be called the first American medical journal. This excerpt from the preface is the basis for assuming that the publisher intended to issue his "periodical" occasionally: "The cases and observations which have been exhibited to the Society, are given to the public, in the following sheets, who it is hoped will regard with a favourable eye the first essay of this infant institution. . . ." A sketch of Josiah Meigs, New Haven printer, was given and the part he played in the publication of the pamphlet was stressed, as was the influence which this pamphlet undoubtedly had on later medical periodicals. A copy of this paper is now in the Society's collections.

"The Romance of Two Houses Which Became 'the Homestead' in Farmington" was read at the February, 1945 meeting by Mrs. Mabel Spencer Hurlburt, of Farmington. The reader traced the early history of both houses, giving interesting sketches of their early owners. She told how the two houses became one, and then traced its history to the present day.

At the March, 1945 meeting, Archie R. Bangs, Ph.D., Trinity College Professor, read a paper on "Germany's Attraction for America". Professor Bangs first traced the early history of German settlement in this country and of the part played by German-Americans in its development. The second part of his paper was devoted to showing the influence that German Universities and German scholars exerted on literary and philosophic trends in America in the nineteenth century.

President and Mrs. Edgar F. Waterman and Vice-President Charles G. Woodward gave a dinner at the Hartford Club for Dr. and Mrs. Harold Bowditch, of Brookline, Massachusetts prior to the April 3, 1945 meeting. About thirty members were guests and after the dinner the members withdrew to the Society's hall where Dr. Bowditch read a paper entitled "Early New England Painters of Coats of Arms". Dr. Bowditch illustrated his paper with numerous photostats of paintings of coats of arms, by which he demonstrated the characteristic work of the various heraldic artists. The life and works of eleven different painters were considered, together with their style of painting and the period in which they worked.

Henry A. Perkins, Sc.D., Professor at Trinity College, read a paper at the May, 1945 meeting entitled "Prospect Street in 'the Eighties' ". The reader gave a delightful picture of the houses and people on one of Hartford's most interesting streets during his boyhood, and related many amusing anecdotes. Each house on the street was taken in order and its inhabitants most entertainingly described.

From the estate of George Dudley Seymour, Esq., for many years one of the Society's vice-presidents, the Society received ten portraits which are hanging in the Museum Hall. A large collection of colonial furniture, extremely valuable, is unfortunately in storage, due to lack of exhibition space. By the terms of his will the Society received $50,000 toward the construction of a building, $25,000 for the maintenance and $25,000 to care for the before mentioned collection of furniture.

George Matthew Dutcher, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of History at Wesleyan University, and Elmer Haynes Spaulding, of New London, were elected vice-presidents at the Annual Meeting held on May 15, 1945, filling the vacancies caused by the deaths of Ernest E. Rogers, of New London, and George Dudley Seymour, of New Haven. The usual reports were read and accepted by the Society.

The Reverend Sherrod Soule, D.D., of Hartford, read a paper at the October, 1945 meeting on "Gail Hamilton, a Woman Weaponed with Wit and Wisdom". Dr. Soule recalled the early days of his pastorate in Massachusetts and his friendship with Gail Hamilton. He gave a detailed account of the life of this noted author who was, in private life, Mary Abby Dodge, of Hamilton, Massachusetts. Miss Dodge was a teacher in the Hartford Public High School from 1854 to 1858, when she left to become a governess in Washington, D. C. By her charming manner, her prestige as a writer and her social position as cousin of Mrs. James G. Blaine, she exerted considerable influence on American political life during her later years.

Barkhamsted Church Records

(Concluded from page 24.)

1827	Jan. 11 —	Infant of Chester Slade still born.
	Jan. 30—	Sally Tiffany aged 28.
	Feb. 20—	Wife of Wait Munson age 70.
	Apr.	Anson Barnes aged 44.
	June	A child of Merlin Merrils.
	July 2—	Mrs. Burwell wife of Whitman Burwill
	July	The aged widow Thorn age 86.
	Oct.	Child of Otis Taylor.
	Aug	Mrs. Rici wife of Wait Rici age 80.
1828	Jan.	Widow Andrews 80.
	June 11—	Widow Ives aged 71.
	July 17—	Child of Sterling C a black, 1 year 3 mos.
	July 20—	Child of Abner Slade 3 weeks.
	July 21—	Amaziah Phelps aged 34.

	July	22—	Mr. Blenrot aged 36.
	July	23—	David Anderson a black 30.
	Aug.	1—	Sheridan Taylor age 15.
	Aug.	23—	Child of Homer Sigar age 2 mos.
	Oct.		Child of Eliasaph Rici 5 years.
			Mr. Wait Rici.
			Child of Eliasaph Rici 2 years.
	Nov.		Child of Linns Bliss 5 years.
			Widow Bliss.
			Lucy Bliss age 32.
			Mr. Roswell Phelps.
	Dec.		Child of Jehiel Case age 5 years.
	Dec.	21—	Wife of Nathaniel Collins age 74.
1829	Jan.		Child of John Rexford aged 8.
	Feb.		Polly Ransom aged 32.
			The record of deaths in the first book of the records of the First Church in Barkhamsted ends here.
			The death record in the second book of the First Church in Barkhamsted begins Sept. 23, 1839.
1839	Sept.	23—	Abigail Taylor daughter of Deacon Virgil Taylor Died aged 19.
	Oct.		Widow Mary Merritt died age 90.
	Oct.		A son of Hiram Case died age 3.
	Nov.	3—	Charles son of Samuel Main age 4.
			A son of Uri Gilbert of Beckett age 6.
		5—	Aaron Rici suddenly age 40
		29—	Child of John Merrils Jr. Age 2.
		30—	Infant of George Roots 2 days.
	Dec.	1—	Daniel Burwell age 86.
		9—	Infant of Samuel Mains 2 days.
		28—	Elias Sales (colored man) perished in snow. 70.
1840	Jan.	4—	Child of Osman Case. 2
		10—	Julia Almena child of Chester Hart 3.
	May		Mrs. Case wife of Abed Case 67.
			Child of Mr. Reynolds 1 week.
	Aug.	20	Widow Esther Jones. 87
	Dec.	15—	Widow Mercy Wilcox 84.
1841	Jan.	19—	Widow Roxanna Adams age 90.
		11—	Statira Church wife of Samuel Church.
	Mar.	14—	Henry Couch.
		28—	William Beers.
	June	6—	Owin Cases child.
	July	29.	Son of Charles Tuttle.
		29—	Son of widow Joel Allen.
	Aug.	12—	Aaon Barber.
	Aug.	22—	Mrs. Blair.

	Sept.	17—	Mrs. Wilder.
	Oct.	8—	Elijah White.
	Nov.	18	Mrs. Winslow.
	Nov.	28—	Daughter of Charles Tuttle.
	Dec.	3—	Mrs. Tuttle.
1842	Feb.	24—	Mrs. Hamilton—Mar. 4 Mrs. Quamaly.
	Mar.	12—	Tim Tiffany 18 infant child of S. Howd Jr.
	Apr.	27	Mrs. Phelps June 4 Mr. D. Lee. 17 Ralph Androse.
	June	22—	Mrs. Roberts 23. Mr. Moultrop June 23-- Salmon Howd.
1843	Apr.	6—	Widow Mary Gilbery age 77
	Apr.	9—	Mr. Rufus Case age 55.
1842	Aug.		Mr. Barber child Mr. Houch child son of G. Gains.
	Nov.	5—	Loisa Griswold—6—Widow Durphey son— 26— G Hayden.
1843	Jan.	2—	William Ellis age 57.
		13—	Mrs. Mindwell Monson aged.
	Mar.	3	Mrs. Elijah Cannon.
	Feb.	7—	Mrs. Wolcott Atwater.
	Mar.	13—	Mrs. Beecher wife of Doct. Amos Beecher.
		18—	A child of Mr. Chamberlain.
	Apr.	6—	Widow Mary Gilbery age 77.
	Apr.	9—	Mr. Rufus Case age 55.
	Oct.	19—	Mrs. Hannah Andrews age 39.
	Nov.	25—	Miss Elizabeth Case age 22.
1844	Jan.	2—	Infant of Mr. Young of Pleasant Valley.
	Feb.		Mr. David Haskins age 85.
	Mar.	31—	Mr. Daniel M. Hitchcock age 58.
	Apr.	26—	Mr. John Root aged 68.
	May	1—	Mrs. Zephiah Andrews wife of N. Andrews 72.
	May	20—	Samuel Munson Esq.
	Aug.	2	Mr. Nehemiah Andrews age 78.
	Oct.	7—	Mrs. Phebe Hart wife of Hull Hart age 81.
	Sept.	19—	Marietta Jewett an orphan age 10.
	Dec.	30—	Mr. Alpheus Gaines age 70.
1845	Feb.	11—	Mrs. Moses aged 75.
	Mar.	2—	Mr. Orsimus Ranson age 29.
	Mar.	5—	Mr. Wait Munson age 85.
	Mar.	28—	Mr. John Pike age 87.
	Apr.	19—	Nathan Moses age 53.
	July	11—	Widow Sarah Shepard age 82.
	Sept.	8—	A child of Samuel Mayne age 3.
		13—	Mr. Thorp age 75.
		17—	A child of Martin Rust age 4.
	June	——	Mrs. Sales a colored woman.
	Sept.	—	Infant of Charles Tuttle

	Oct.	14—	Mrs. Ann Howd aged 44.
		31—	Mrs. Lucy Andrews age 44.
	Nov.		A child of Japhet Case.
	Dec.		Mr. John Adams.
1846	Jan.	3—	Widow Amy Case age 74.
		8—	Mr. Abner Slade age 89.
		15—	Mr. Samuel Richardson age 74.
		31—	Miss Mary Barber age 18.
	Mar.	8—	Widow Amy Case age 75.
			Miss Mahala Atwater wife of I. W. Atwater.
	May	11—	Mrs. Richardson widow of Samuel Richardson age 73.
	July	13—	William Lane suddenly.
	Aug.		Mrs. Rici wife of Gideon Rici.
	Sept.	4—	Widow Burwell age 84.
		26—	Mrs. Case wife of Ezra Case age 53.
	Oct.	15—	A child of Daniel Searl.
	Nov.	29—	Mr. Medad Munson age 90.
1847	Feb.	9—	Mr. John Beers age 81.
		20—	Mrs. Scovill age 88.
	May	16—	Carmi Case age 65.
	Apr.		Eliphalet Case age 77
	Apr.		Child of Samuel Maine.
	May	20	Mrs. Munson widow of Wait Munson.
	Aug.	31—	Widow Sarah Pike age 78.
	June		Mr. Stancliff.
	Sept.	26	Mrs. Barber wife of Salmon Barber.
	Nov.	30	Mr. Avery Messenger.
1848	Jan.	—	Miss Catherine Ellis age 24.
		9—	Mr. Austin Case age 18.
		14	A child of Homan Segar age 8.
		29—	Henry Doolittle age 22.
	Mar.	31—	John Merrell Esq. age 85.
	Apr.	11—	Sarah Calinta Merril age 20.
	June	3—	Mrs. Pamela Allyn age 87.
	July	23—	Mr. Mark Moses age about 40.
	Aug.	12—	Mr. Joseph Church age 54.
		28—	Mr. John Roberts age 78.
	Oct.	22—	Miss Hannah Stancliff age 23.
		27—	Child of Spaulding Barber age 3.
		28—	Mr. Ebenezer Pike age 79.
			Mr. Gideon Price age 70.
1849	Jan.	4—	Dr. Amos Beecher age 76.
		28—	Mrs. Ann Hilduth age 24.
	Feb.	9—	Mr. Obed Case age 84.
	Mar.	31—	Mrs. Steward.
	Apr.	1—	Mr. Orvill Howd age 52.

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